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1. VOLAGS NOW SUBMITTING CLAIMS FOR RECEPTION AND PLACEMENT GRANTS PER AMENDED CONTRACT. CLAIMS FOR USRP ELIGIBLE REFUGEES PRESENT NO PROBLEMS.
2. ICEM BEING URGED BY VOLAGS TO PREPARE SUPPLEMENTAL LISTINGS FOR OTHER THAN USRP ELIGIBLES. THIS RAISES SOME QUESTIONS AS TO WHO MAY BE INCLUDED. MISSION IS INFORMED THAT ADDITIONAL CURRENT AND FUTURE LISTINGS MIGHT INCLUDE INDOCHINESE REFUGEES, CUBANS EX-SPAIN, CHINESE REFUGEES RECEIVING IMMIGRANT VISAS OR CONDITIONAL ENTRY IN HONG KONG, LATIN AMERICAN REFUGEES EX-CHILE, ARGENTINA, KURDS, REFUGEES EX-BURMA, EX-MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA, AND YUGOSLAVS.

3. ICEM HAS INFORMED US THAT THEY WOULD EXCLUDE ANY US PASSPORT HOLDERS, E.G., INDIVIDUALS EX-ROMANIA WHO ESTABLISH CLAIM TO US CITIZENSHIP AND TRAVEL WITH A US PASSPORT. (FAMILY MEMBERS OF SUCH PERSONS, HOWEVER, MIGHT BE INCLUDED AS ELIGIBLE FOR THE RESETTLEMENT GRANT.) OTHER EXCLUSIONS WOULD BE INDIVIDUALS WITH REENTRY PERMITS TO THE US AND PERSONS HOLDING TOURIST OR OTHER NONIMMIGRANT VISAS
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UNLESS THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT SUCH VISAS WERE MEANS OF OBTAINING EXIT PERMIT FROM COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE AND AN ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS IS GRANTED AFTER ARRIVAL IN US. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHO WOULD PRESENT AND EVALUATE SUCH EVIDENCE.

4. ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS IN PAYMENT OF CLAIMS ARE FORESEEN FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT MOVED TO US

UNDER ICEM AUSPICES AND WHO WOULD BE INCLUDED IN ICEM LISTINGS UPON REQUEST OF THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. THIS APPEARS TO BE A PROCEDURE INSTITUTED SOME YEARS AGO. IN THE LATTER CASE, MISSION PROPOSES TO CHANGE THIS PROCEDURE AND HAVE LISTINGS FURNISHED BY THE VOLUNTARY AGENCY DIRECTLY WITH A CERTIFICATION THAT INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED ARE, IN FACT, REFUGEES AND ELIGIBLE UNDER TERMS OF THE CONTRACT.

5. FROM THE ABOVE, IT IS EVIDENT THAT MISSION HAS NO WAY OF VERIFYING ANY CLAIMS EXCEPT FOR THOSE REFUGEES WHO ARE USRP-REGISTERED. ACCORDINGLY, PROPOSE TO PAY CLAIMS FOR USRP ELIGIBLES AND OTHERS BASED SOLELY ON PRESENTATION AND CERTIFICATION OF VOLAGS, SUPPORTED BY ICEM DOCUMENTATION WHERE AVAILABLE.

6. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR RESETTLEMENT GRANTS. RECOMMEND THAT GRANTS TO VOLAGS BE LIMITED FOR THOSE PERSONS MOVED TO US UNDER CONDITIONA ENTRY PROCEDURE (7TH PREFERENCE) AND PAROLE, TO INCLUDE FAMILIES OF SUCH PERSONS WHO MAY, FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS, RECEIVE OTHR TYPES OF VISAS (E.G., NONPREFERENCE FOR DEPENDENTS WHILE PRINCIPAL APPLICANT RECEIVES 7TH PREFERENCE). ALL OTHER CASES BELIEVED TO BE ELIGIBLE BY VOLAGS MUST BE JUSSTIFIED INDIVIDUALLY.
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7. REQUEST YOUR AGREEMENT TO PROPOSALS PARA 4, 5 AND 6 ABOVE. MISSION WILL THEN ISSUE APPROPRIATE CLARIFICATION TO ALL CONCERNED.
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